

After initial training, he was sent to Bien Hwah, Vietnam, as a member of the 118th Assault Helicopter Company. He was promoted to a crew chief and worked on Huey helicopters after 3 months and was eventually promoted to E-5 sergeant. He flew on a wide variety of missions from troop transport to supplies drops, and on many of the missions he was also the door gunner. In 1967, he returned to the United States and served at Fort Steward, Georgia, until he was discharged in January of 1969.

Sergeant Lee was originally from Minnesota, but while stationed at Fort Steward he was invited to go home with a member of his unit to Sevierville where he met a beautiful young woman who would later become his wife. They were married in March of 1968 and have been together for 54 wonderful years. They have three sons who are his pride and joy.

Sergeant Lee also loves the Lord with all his heart, and his faith in God is incredibly important to him. He has been a faithful member of the Grace Baptist Church for 21 years. Our country's heroes are the men and women of our Armed Forces, Madam Speaker, like Sergeant Lee, and I rise to honor him as Tennessee's Second District's May 2022 Veteran of the Month.

NOBODY IS FREE UNTIL EVERYBODY IS FREE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the one in four women across this country who have had an abortion and every person who will ever seek abortion care; your neighbor, co-worker, family member, those whom you work with, Madam Speaker, and, yes, those whom you worship with, too.

I stand with the mother of three working double shifts to make ends meet, who just could not manage the physical demands of another pregnancy; the student who made the decision to finish their degree and begin their family on their own terms—no shame, no stigma, and no regrets; and the young parents who received the heart-wrenching news that they have miscarried and will need abortion care immediately.

I rise today to proclaim: I see you, I love you, and I stand with you. Carry no shame for your healthcare choice.

The only shame is that there are forces at work to deny you it. And while my heart is heavy, my spirit is resolved and determined.

Madam Speaker, there are many who have arrived at this moment with newfound outrage at the prospect of this reversal of law. But many of us have been in the trenches of this fight for a long time, and we are not surprised. Reproductive justice organizers, Black, Brown, indigenous, disabled, and

LGBTQ-plus folks have been sounding the alarm, raising their voices, and putting our bodies on the line in protest as anti-choice lawmakers across the country wage a full-fledged assault on our reproductive rights and freedom.

For too long, the right to control our own bodies, the right to determine our own fate, and the right to decide if and when we have a child is up for debate in the Halls of power.

Madam Speaker, we have been called hysterical, and we have been called fearmongers, and when I talk about who will disproportionately bear the brunt of this, we have been called race-baiters.

This is no drill, and I take no joy in saying: I told you so.

I have stood on the steps of City Hall in Boston. I have organized on the Boston Common. I have stood at the State House in Boston, and I have stood on the steps of the Supreme Court chanting: "Nobody is free until everybody is free. Liberate abortion."

Madam Speaker, nobody is free until everybody is free. SCOTUS has offered empty words in their leaked draft ruling and then threw up barricades and fences knowing full well that the majority of people who call this Nation home vehemently disagree.

SCOTUS claims that our human rights are invalidated by their opinions of what is and isn't rooted in our Nation's "history and traditions."

A quick history lesson: our Nation's history and traditions denied my very personhood. Our Nation's history and traditions bought and sold my ancestors. Our Nation's history and traditions exploited the bodies of people who look like me.

Our full humanity, our bodily autonomy, and our collective liberation hang in the balance.

Madam Speaker, the Court fails to live up to its ideals and its purpose. The idea of equal justice under the law has been a rallying cry but not a reality for many. The anti-abortion movement in America is rooted in organized white supremacy, and overturning *Roe v. Wade* would only perpetuate cycles of poverty and trap our most vulnerable in systems of oppression.

None of this is abstract. There is a history of medical apartheid in this country against Black, Brown, immigrant, indigenous, and disabled folks. And right now we find ourselves living in a Black maternal morbidity crisis where Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than White women—to die.

We have suffered a history of forced sterilization and experimentation on Black, Brown, and disabled bodies without our consent. And now there exists a systemic prospect of folks being forced to carry a pregnancy against their will—forced birth—in the same country where we deprive families with universal healthcare, childcare, and paid medical and family leave.

Abortion bans would put legal, safe, and necessary abortion care out of reach for millions, especially our most vulnerable. So Congress must act. This Democratic-controlled House, Senate, and White House—the majority—must mean more than a talking point, and we must legislate as if lives depend on it, because they do.

To my Senate colleagues on the other side of this Capitol, I ask of you—no, I demand—that you act. We have the voice. We have the power. We have a mandate. It is time for action. Anything else is insufficient.

Abolish the Jim Crow filibuster. Pass the Women's Health Protection Act, which I am a proud original cosponsor of, and enshrine the fundamental human right to abortion care in Federal law once and for all. I cannot stomach one more lecture about the preservation of civil liberties when you seek to deny me the very freedom and agency over my own body.

Nobody is free until everybody is free.

HONORING ROSS BOOKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ross Booker, a 20-year-old tow truck operator and volunteer firefighter who tragically lost his life on March 6 after being struck by a vehicle. He was in the process of assisting Champaign police officers in removing debris from an accident scene.

Ross graduated from St. Joseph-Ogden High School in 2020, earned his FFA American Degree, and attended Parkland College for diesel mechanics. He was a volunteer firefighter with the St. Joseph-Stanton Fire Protection District and set out to live a life of service, and serve he did. Even now, Ross continues to serve through the gift of organ donation.

Ross' firefighter family remembers him as a young man whose passion was inspirational to others. Friends describe Ross as an old soul filled with compassion, hard work, respect, and love for his family and friends.

To honor Ross' life, please slow down and move over for emergency vehicles. In Illinois, it is the law. We call it Scott's Law in honor of another firefighter who was tragically struck and killed in 2000.

My prayers are with Ross' parents, David and Marita; his brother, Anthony; and all of his friends and family throughout the communities he made better with his service. He will be truly missed.

RECOGNIZING BLAKE RODERICK'S RETIREMENT

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Blake Roderick. There is not a more noble career than one devoted to serving others. Blake Roderick did exactly this through his time at the Pike-Scott Farm Bureau.